

Spring  
2006

## Calendar of Events

**May 13** – Spring Fever Niles Car Show

**May 21** – Wildflower, Art and Garden Show. See [www.niles.org](http://www.niles.org) or call 510-742-9868

**June 3 & 4** – Holy Spirit Church Festival & Parade.

**June 11** – Back on Track Antique Show. This event is held in Niles.

**July 4** – Fourth of July Parade  
For additional information see:  
[www.fremont4thofjulyparade.org](http://www.fremont4thofjulyparade.org)

**Aug. 5 & 6** – Festival of the Arts.

**Aug. 12 & 13** – Festival of India & Parade.

**Aug. 19** – Hot August Niles Car Show.

**Aug. 27** – 42nd Annual Niles Antique Fair and Flea Market. Go to [www.niles.org](http://www.niles.org) or call 510-742-9868.

**Sep. 9 & 10** – Celebrate Fremont at the Park. See [www.celebratefremont.org](http://www.celebratefremont.org) or call 510-790-9352 for details.



"Neighbor to Neighbor" is written and produced by the Fremont Police Department's Crime Watch Unit.

# Neighbor to Neighbor



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance Begins!

Celebrate Fremont, the dynamic grassroots planning organization for Fremont's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is off and running with a year's worth of activities to honor our unique community. The culminating event will be "Celebrate Fremont at the Park," a two-day admission-free party that will take place September 9-10, 2006 in Central Park. Planners are designing a memorable experience. Meanwhile, here's a sample of continuing activities that you can enjoy during the year:

### • Get on the bus

On the last Saturday of every month through September 2006, you can take guided heritage bus tours that illuminate our city's rich heritage. "Our City, Fremont: A Photo Tour", a picture booklet covering all districts will be available for purchase.

### • Display your artistic talent

Fremont's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Creative Engagement Team is eagerly seeking textile and glass artists, woodworkers, toy-makers, native artists, folk artists who make art out of objects they find and all the many artists of Fremont.

### • Voice your hopes for the future

Complete the brief survey at the Celebrate Fremont Website and contribute to establishing a comprehensive vision of the future of Fremont, a vision that will include the physical layout as well as the character of our city.

### • Listen to the voices of the past

Trained volunteers are collecting personal stories from people in the community – recent immigrants and longtime residents alike – the goal is to create an oral history of Fremont from the early 1900s to the present.

As an individual or a group, you are part of Fremont and this celebration is for you. More information is available on the website, [www.celebratefremont.org](http://www.celebratefremont.org), or by calling Celebrate Fremont at 510-790-9352.

## Farewell from Tish Marquez



Many of you have been working with me in your neighborhood since 1999. We've shared BBQ's and ice cream on National Night Out. Held Neighborhood Crime Watch meetings, worked together at Community Engagement Summits, surveyed businesses for security and marched in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade wearing our hamburger & hot dog hats. These are just a few of my favorite things.

The best thing about my job is the people I've been privileged to meet and work with in our neighborhood and crime prevention endeavors. Fremont has some of the best folks!

I'm leaving the Fremont Police Department to embark on a new life in the Sacramento area. I still have ties to Fremont so you may catch me in town to say hello.

It has truly been an honor to work in this community because of the incredible people.

Thank you & Farewell,  
Tish Marquez

## Free Gunlock Distribution



**Free cable-style gunlocks** are available, as part of the national Project ChildSafe program, that helps ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. President Bush's Project Safe Neighborhoods is a component of Project ChildSafe. This initiative is intended to reduce gun-related crime and violence in America. The Fremont community has been very responsive to the gunlock giveaway program, as have many communities across the nation.

Free gunlocks became available through a partnership between the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the California State Sheriff's Association,

the California Police Chief's Association and the California Department of Fish & Game. These groups came together to distribute 1,211,200 free gunlocks (the highest allotment of any state) in California, as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. The Project ChildSafe initiative was designed to help make homes with firearms safer, by raising awareness about responsible firearm ownership and storage.

Project ChildSafe was funded by a \$50 million dollar grant from the Department of Justice, to provide nearly 20 million free gunlocks and firearm safety educational materials to families in all 50 states, the five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

"It became the largest, most comprehensive firearms safety program in the nation, thanks to the enthusiastic support from high-ranking government officials and law enforcement departments in communities across America," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

An estimated 2,500 cable-style, free gunlocks have been distributed in Fremont, over the past three years. The Fremont Police Department and police agencies across the nation make free gunlocks available to the public, "no questions asked." When you come to pick up gunlock(s), you should know the type(s)

of gun(s) that you have, so that you can receive the correct gunlock. Stop by to pick up your free gunlock. All gun owners should take advantage of this opportunity to help prevent countless gun related accidents, injuries and deaths, by using gunlocks on firearms. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING FIREARMS TO THE POLICE STATION.**

**Gunlock Pickup Location:**  
**Fremont Police Department**  
2000 Stevenson Blvd.  
Fremont, CA  
510-790-6800

For further information, please visit the web site at [www.projectchildsafe.org](http://www.projectchildsafe.org).

## City of Fremont Celebrates Local Volunteers during National Volunteer Week



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**  
April 23-29, 2006

National Volunteer Week is April 23 – 29, 2006. Volunteers nationwide will be honored for their tireless work to help others and improve

their communities. **The Fremont City Council** will recognize local volunteers by proclamation, at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council at 7:00 p.m., held at the Fremont Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building A, Fremont, CA.

The National Volunteer Week theme, “Inspire By Example” truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help and to inspire others to serve! National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. Since 1991, the Fremont City Council has signed national volunteer week proclamations, honoring Fremont volunteers. This year, Fremont celebrates it’s “50<sup>th</sup>” Anniversary and the city’s legacy of volunteerism continues strong.

“Volunteers perform countless acts of service in local government, as well as with varied non-profit, faith and service organizations.

“Volunteers are one of America’s most valuable assets,” said Robert K. Goodwin, president and chief executive officer of the Points of Light Foundation. “During the past year, volunteers nationwide have reached out

to their neighbors, both near and far, especially during the aftermath of the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast.” National Volunteer Week is the ideal time to honor volunteers meeting needs in our city and around the country, and calling attention to their tremendous contributions.

We hope that National Volunteer Week will motivate you to volunteer your time and talent to help Fremont’s most vulnerable residents – the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, at-risk youth, the disabled and victims of domestic violence, among others. We also encourage you to volunteer to support the special projects and day-to-day operations of Fremont city government. We offer many ways for people of all ages to get involved and serve their community. Do something good for yourself and your community. Take time to volunteer!

For more information contact:  
*Debra Nunn – City of Fremont Volunteer Services – Phone:*  
(510) 790-6754

*Email:*

*dnunn@ci.fremont.ca.us*

*Web Address:*

<http://www.fremont.gov/Community/Volunteering/default.htm>

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# Vacation Safety Tips



## On the Road

- Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks. If you must carry cash, do not display it openly.
- Keep a record of Traveler's checks and credit card numbers in a safe place. Have the telephone number to report lost or stolen credit cards or traveler's checks.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans, including your travel route and valuables in your possession.
- Do not stop to assist stranded motorists. Instead use a cell phone or a pay phone to call assistance for them.
- If you think someone may be following you, drive to the nearest busy public location.
- If you are not sure it is safe to get out of the vehicle, honk your horn as you pull into the driveway and park. Exit the vehicle when you know other people

are watching and can come to your aid.



## Car Security

- Always lock your car.
- Lock valuables out of sight. Carry wallets, checkbooks and purses with you; never leave them in the unattended vehicle.
- Do not advertise that you are a tourist. Place maps and travel brochures in the glove box.
- Park in well-lighted, busy areas.
- Check the back seat before getting into your car.



## Hotel and Motel Security

When staying overnight in a hotel or motel, please remember:

- Determine the quickest path from your room to exits in case of an emergency. Remember to count the number of room doors until you reach the exit (in case it is too smoky to see clearly).
- Use the security door locks when in the room.
- Use the peephole to identify anyone

requesting entry to your room. Open the door only to those with a legitimate reason to enter. Hotel staff should not need to enter the room, unless you have called them.

- Arrange your things so that you will know if anything is missing.
- Lock your suitcases, even if they do not contain any valuables (this way they cannot be used to remove any other valuables).
- Never leave money, credit cards, checkbooks or car keys in the room. Always keep them with you.
- Use the hotel/motel safe to store any extra valuables (jewelry, extra cash in an envelope, etc.).
- Report any lost or stolen items to the hotel/motel management and the local police.
- If you see any activity that you believe is suspicious, notify hotel/motel security or management staff.



## Sight Seeing

- Ask the hotel/motel staff for directions to



the attractions you plan to see.

- Select tour guides carefully. Use only official guides; you may request the hotel make arrangements with a local guide service for you.
- Check with the hotel/motel staff to determine if there are areas in town that should be avoided.
- Becoming lost can make you a target for crime. If you are lost, go to an open business for directions.
- If your party separates, plan a time and location to meet.

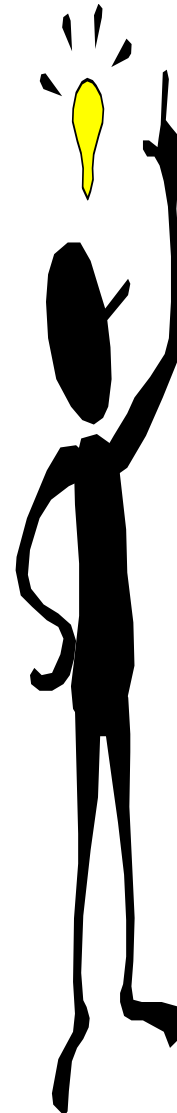


#### **At Home**

- An empty house is a tempting target for a burglar so make sure you do your best to have your home look occupied while you are away. Here is a list of tips to help you:
- Install good locks on the doors and windows and use them.
- Engrave your valuables with your phone number and place Operation Identification stickers on your entry door and front window.

- Never leave a house key hidden outside of your home. If it is hidden in a pot, under the mat, beneath a rock or in a fake rock someone else may find it and enter your home while you are away.
- Stop all deliveries or arrange for someone to pick up your mail, newspapers, and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn and maintain the yard while you are away. This keeps your home looking lived in.
- Place your inside lights and a radio on timers so that they go on and off, periodically in the evening hours.
- Hide your garbage cans out of sight. If your garbage cans are empty when everyone else's are full, it is a sign that you are not at home.
- Turn the ringer on your telephone down low or off so that people outside of your home will not hear the phone ringing go unanswered.
- Be sure to close and lock the garage door too. When possible have a friend or family member park a car in your driveway occasionally so that it looks like someone is still at home.

- Leave your blinds and drapes in their normal position on second floor windows (closed on ground level so no one can look inside and view an empty home).
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch the house while you are away. Leave an emergency contact number with them in case they should need to get in touch with you.



Remember, when you return home if it looks like someone has entered your home – Don't go inside! Instead use a cell phone, go to a neighbor's house or other safe location to contact the police. Let the police check the home before you go inside.

Fremont Police Department  
Emergency #  
9-1-1

Fremont Police Department  
Emergency # for  
Cell Phones  
791-4200

Fremont Police Dept Non-Emergency #  
510-790-6800

## Getting to Know Officer Dan Harvey



Dan Harvey is a husband, a father of two sons, a police officer with the Fremont Police Department and a columnist for the Argus. Officer Harvey has a degree in psychology with minors in sociology and business management from San Jose State University. He enjoys motorcycling, athletics and spending time with his children.

Officer Harvey has been in law enforcement for over 15 years. He started out with the Palo Alto Police Department. He became interested in policing at around age 30 after his running career and training for the Olympics. Officer Harvey did not want a desk job as he wanted something more active, and he found that police work suited this inclination.

Dan Harvey currently holds the position of Grant Officer with the Fremont Police Department. He oversees a grant program that is state-funded through the Office of Traffic Safety. This program encompasses DUI checkpoints and a sober graduation project for high school students. The state grant is a temporary assignment for Officer Harvey. Normally, he serves as a traffic officer, performing such tasks as enforcing warrants like those issued for failing to appear in court.

In addition to his police work, Dan Harvey writes a column for the Argus: "Traffic Talk with Officer Harvey" covers such issues as road rage, DUI checkpoints and motorcycle lane-splitting. The main purpose of the column is to educate the public, and it can be found in the local section of the newspaper on Wednesdays. Citizens are encouraged to write Officer Harvey with their traffic-related questions.

Questions can be emailed to: [dh Harvey@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:dh Harvey@ci.fremont.ca.us).

## Pedestrian Safety



According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, each year about 5,000 pedestrians are killed and 69,000 are injured by motor vehicles.

### **Please follow these safety tips:**

- Always use a marked crosswalk when available
- Wear reflective or light clothing
- Obey traffic signals
- Don't assume drivers can see you
- Pedestrians do not always have the right of way

**Fremont Police Department  
Crime Watch Unit**  
Crime Prevention:  
510-790-6740  
[www.fremontpolice.org](http://www.fremontpolice.org)